

COAL OPERATORS TO DISCUSS THE FREIGHT OUTLOOK

Central West Virginia Association Will Meet Here Tomorrow.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Transportation Charges at Home and on the Seas Are Heavy.

The most effective methods of utilizing lake and tidewater steamers for the transportation of West Virginia coal to profitable markets when the present shipment of grain is completed will be one of the many important subjects for discussion at the meeting of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Never in the whole history of the coal industry in West Virginia has there been better prospects for the marketing of coal at a good profit despite the somewhat difficult situation of the immediate present arising from the high freight rates by water resulting from the shipment of the fall crop of grain on the lakes and the shipment of both grain and munitions of war from the Atlantic seaboard to Mediterranean and other ports.

Largely through the efforts of the coal operators' associations the delicate balance between the coal supply and the markets available for West Virginia coal has been maintained in such a manner as not only to prevent losses to any operator in the state but in addition to insure continued and increasing profits to all.

NO COAL TO SPARE IN THE SOUTHLAND

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 16.—For the first time in many years a shipping stage has appeared in the Ohio river and no coal has been sent to southern markets.

At the general offices of Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, the principal shipping interests, it was said that operations in the mills of the Pittsburgh district are so heavy that coal mined in river mines is being used at home.

It was thought that a few small tons might be started south tomorrow, but even this was uncertain.

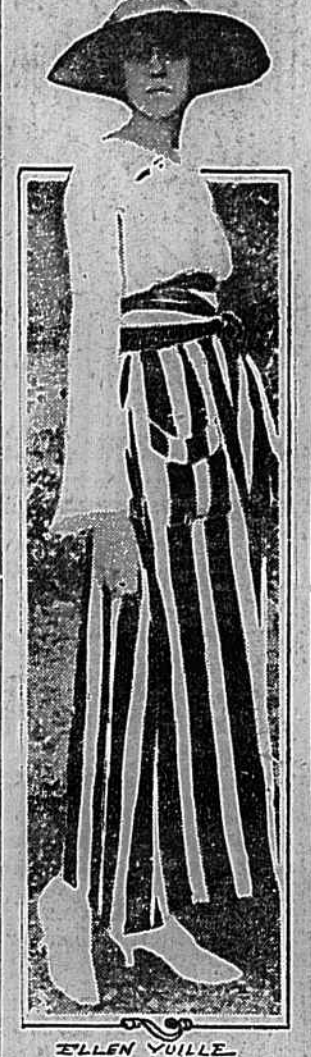
DR. JAMISON BETTER.
The condition of Dr. W. C. Jamison, of this city, who has been critically ill in Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, for several weeks, is somewhat improved at this time and his condition is giving his friends some encouragement.

SHAW PLAY SUPPRESSED.
LONDON, Nov. 16.—The censor has suppressed the new Bernard Shaw play, "O'Flaherty, V. C.," announced for production at the Abbey theatre in Dublin. The play is a skit on recruiting.

CAR OFF THE TRACK.
Manning cars, due at the court-house this morning at 7 o'clock were 10 minutes late because a locomotive car jumped the track at Fourth street and held them up for that length of time.

WHEAT STEAMER BURNS.
CALUMET, Mich., Nov. 16.—The steamer Alfred P. Wright, 275 feet long, bound from Duluth, with wheat burned to the water's edge today in the harbor of refuge at Portage Entry. The crew is safe at Houghton. The hull can be salvaged.

ELLEN YUILLE TO WED PARSON'S SON



Miss Ellen Yuille, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Yuille, will wed William J. Sturges, a son of the Rev. Joseph R. Sturges of Virginia, on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at St. Mary's church, Scarborough, N. Y. Bishop Joseph B. Chesler, of North Carolina, will officiate at the ceremony.

DARST PUTS LIMIT ON HIS AMBITION

Will be Satisfied if the People Elect Him as Governor.

WINFIELD, W. Va., Nov. 16.—State Auditor John S. Darst, Republican candidate for the governorship, made his first speech of the campaign to a large crowd of Putnam county voters here yesterday. It was the opening day of the November term of the Putnam county circuit court, and Judge John T. Graham tendered the candidate the use of the courthouse, which was filled with visitors from all sections of the county.

In his maiden speech of the campaign, Auditor Darst frankly declared he was seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination and promised his hearers that if he were elected to the office he would not be a candidate for any other public office, but would retire to private life "well satisfied with the opportunity given me by the people to try to render service to them."

"I make this statement," the auditor concluded, "because I feel I would make a better governor by removing the temptation of aspiring to higher honors."

Auditor Darst declared he was opposed to the passage of unnecessary new legislation, asserted that it would be wise to get better acquainted with our present statutes, announced his opposition to the creation of useless new departments, and recited he would oppose any unnecessary legislation increasing taxation while confronted with the gigantic Virginia debt judgment.

Britain Not Ready For Conscription

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Premier Asquith is still hopeful that the voluntary system of recruiting in the United Kingdom will succeed. The premier stated in the house of commons this afternoon it was his hope and belief that conscription measures would not have to be resorted to.

SUB-VICTIMS LAND.
CANDIA, Crete, via Paris, Nov. 16.—Two boats from the Norwegian steamer, Wacousta, which was sunk by a submarine, arrived today at Suda bay on the western coast of Crete, with the captain and 55 sailors.

FIGHTING WITH BOMBS.
LONDON, Nov. 16.—An official communication from Constantinople, has been forwarded from Amsterdam by the Central News follows:
"At the Dardanelles there is the usual artillery bombardment, together with fighting by the use of bombs. In the Caucasus one of our patrols surprised a hostile patrol of 100 men in the region of Milas. The hostile patrol was defeated, losing 50 killed or wounded."

The Weather.
West Virginia—Fair and warmer to night and Wednesday.
Western Pennsylvania—Cloudy to night and Wednesday, probably snow along Lake Erie; Wednesday, warmer.

Democratic Chiefs Will Meet Nov. 29

WILL PICK CHAIRMEN FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEES AT THAT TIME.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Democratic members of the ways and means committee, it was announced today, will meet here November 29 to take up the organization of the new House of Representatives.

WOMEN OF CHURCH RECEIVE TONIGHT

Social Feature of Presbyterian Congregation's Centennial Celebration.

That the Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church is thoroughly alive, was manifested last night when a splendid and enthusiastic entertainment was given as a part of the Centennial celebration of the First Presbyterian church.

"Opportunity" was the subject of an excellent and inspiring address given by Rev. Louis E. Black, state president of the Christian Endeavor society, of Parkersburg. Mr. Black was enthusiastically received and his talk concerning the great work of the Endeavorers was highly appreciated.

The meeting was opened by a rousing song service, conducted by Harry E. Engle. Other musical features which were appreciated by the large gathering, were a solo by Miss Carol Powell, and a duet by Miss Edith Adams and Florence McCullough.

Cecil McDowell gave an interesting sketch concerning the local Christian Endeavor society from its origin to the present day. Devotional exercises were conducted by the president of the Presbyterian C. E., Earl B. Smith.

Yost Law Case to Come Up Tonight

Frank Reese, alleged to have conducted a speakeasy in the bill poster's shanty in Porter street, is scheduled for trial this evening before Justice of the Peace R. Leigh Fleming on a charge of violating the Yost prohibition law.

When arrested a few days ago by Constable Harry Connor, Reese denied his guilt, but according to the county officers, witnesses will be produced at the trial who say they purchased liquor from Reese.

When the shanty was searched several quarts of whiskey were found in a barrel of flour, used in making paste. Attorney Harry Shaw will represent the defendant and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Charles E. Millver, the state.

SAYS B. & O. WILL SPEND MILLIONS

Officials Here and at Wheeling Know Nothing of it.

This morning the Wheeling Intelligencer printed a story under a Fairmont date line to the effect that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is going to spend \$25,000,000 for betterments on the line between this city and Wheeling and on terminal facilities in Wheeling.

The report was denied at the office of the general superintendent at Wheeling and by the local officials here, but some color is given to it by the fact that an engineering corps from the Baltimore office, which has been refused to tell what is doing, has been busy in Wheeling for several days.

The Intelligencer's story in substance is that a million and a quarter dollars has been appropriated for surveys and plans for four-tracking the road between Fairmont and Wheeling, and that the heavy expenditure of money will come from the widening of cuts, tunnels and the elimination of some of the sharp curves on the Wheeling and Fairmont branch. The report also stated that the yards at Wheeling and in Benwood would be enlarged. The real work, according to the Intelligencer, will not start until spring.

When questioned concerning the rumor, several officials of the Baltimore and Ohio have claimed that the story is a fabrication.

DELAY AT GLASS PLANT.
No. 1 and No. 2 tank was idle yesterday and last night at the Monongahela Glass Plant, due to the delay in receiving a car load of soda one of the many essentials used in the making of glass. However the car load of material has arrived and the plant is again working full as usual.

JIMMY HALL WAS FIRST VICTIM OF POSTOFFICE HEADHUNTERS

Veteran Rural Route Carrier Was Removed Last of September

THE POSTMASTER'S PART

He Filed the Charges But Could Not Make Them Stick.

Saturday's News Dispatch failed to make mention of the fact that our enterprising postmaster, on the 30th day of September, dismissed from the Government service our citizen, James L. Hall, well and favorably known in this community all his life.

Jimmy Hall, as he is affectionately called by his friends, who number a vast legion, for fifteen years prior to his dismissal, worked honestly and faithfully as a member of the Fairmont post office rural route force, to supply the patrons of the office on his route with their mail, which he did to their entire satisfaction. Jimmy Hall is a son of our late esteemed citizen, Jesse Hall, was born and raised in Fairmont District, and is a brother of our esteemed fellow citizen, Dr. Hal Hall. Unfortunately for Jimmy he was and is by conviction, a Republican, therefore Jimmy had to suffer.

We are informed that Postmaster Manley filed charges against Jimmy, that he was not covering his route during the time of the construction of the new road up toward White Rock, which was closed, and when the Inspector came out to investigate the charge and found that the road was closed and nobody permitted to go over it, and Jimmy Hall was forced to go back around by by-paths to deliver his mail, although the road builders offered to let Jimmy by with his mail, a certain Democratic official under instructions of Thomas Clelland, refused to permit him to pass.

On one occasion Postmaster Manley appeared and absolutely stopped Jimmy Hall on his route, and made him go back and deliver his mail. In view of the United States laws on the question of interference with Government mails, this might be a matter for future inquiry by Federal Grand Jurors. When all this failed,

EXTRA VOTES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Today's the Best Day to Enter the Prize Carnival.

Now is the time for boys and girls to get busy in The West Virginian's Christmas Prize Carnival. Until Saturday, November 20, 25,000 extra votes will be given on each of the first two yearly subscriptions sent in by or for any boy or girl who has already entered the carnival, or who enters the race by that date. The subscription may be either old or new, and two six months or four three months subscriptions will be counted as one year for the extra votes. Two extra certificates will be given on a two years subscription, or on two one year subscriptions. No contestant will be credited with more than two extra certificates. This will give all an even start in the race.

Enter Race Today.

Any day this week is a good time to enter the Prize Carnival, but today is the best time of all. Fill out the nomination coupon in today's paper and bring it down to Prize Carnival Headquarters, 404 Main street, Watson Hotel Building, and get an early start in the race for one of the Christmas prizes. Every boy or girl who tries will get either a prize or a cash commission, and it requires only spare time. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. Don't put it off. You'll be sorry if you don't enter, when you see the other girls and boys getting prizes and commission checks Christmas Eve. If you can't conveniently call at the office,

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HERE WE ARE TODAY! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? GUESS AGAIN TOMORROW!

B. & O. Finances Are In Good Condition

DESPITE SEVEN MILLION SLUMP IN GROSS REVENUES NET SHOWS A GAIN.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 16.—The 89th annual report of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company was submitted to the annual meeting of the stockholders today and is being distributed to the more than 30,000 shareholders. The total operating revenues were \$21,815,797, a decrease of \$7,248,212 compared with 1914. With total operating expenses at \$23,235,507 there was effected a decrease in expenses of \$10,477,880 and a resultant net revenue of \$27,890,289, an increase of \$3,129,668 over the previous year.

The report shows that the net income for the year after deducting interest and other charges amounted to \$10,780,851, an increase of \$1,530,858 over the preceding year, sufficient to pay the dividends on the preferred stock and 6 per cent upon the common stock, leaving a surplus of \$771,473.

FOUR LITTLE PEOPLE ARE SEEKING HOMES

One of Them, an Infant, Was Left on a Fairmont Door Step.

The local Humane society is badly in need of homes for four bright little girls and boys, whose ages range from a baby of a few weeks to a little girl of 7.

Agents for the local society last night introduced to the Centennial meeting of the Presbyterian church, a bright little girl of seven years of age by the name of Sylvia, for whom a home is wanted. Sylvia is a fair haired, blue eyed little person. Anyone who is wanting a nice little girl would do well to see her before seeking one elsewhere.

A bright three-year-old lad, of splendid physique, a full orphan, wants a home, too. The child is robust and attractive.

A two-year-old baby boy was received by the local society from Graf-ton and asks a fine good family of Fairmont to give him a home. The child is a nice little fellow of good parentage.

Another little girl, a tiny infant, of a few weeks, who was left on the door step of a residence in this city, and who was taken by a family is again in the hands of the society, owing to the fact that the people were unable by force of circumstances to keep the infant. She is a bright little infant and needs a home badly.

HATFIELD MESSAGE QUOTED BY WELL

In the Appeal of Manufacturers' Light From Commission Ruling.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 16.—Governor Hatfield's message to the West Virginia legislature last May was offered in evidence by A. Leo Well at a hearing today before J. W. Vandervort, Federal Master taking testimony in the appeal of the Manufacturing Light and Heat Company from a decision of the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Mr. Well sought to show that government had asked the legislature to appropriate \$5000 for associate council for the commission and read letters in support of this contention that when the appropriation was not made the amount was paid out of the civil contingent fund.

Capt. S. B. Avis, as counsel for the commission, objected to the admission of this evidence as a matter not pertaining to the question at issue before the master. Adjournment was taken before Mr. Vandervort rendered a decision.

Charter Case Will Be Given Rehearing

CHARLESTON, Nov. 16.—A new hearing was granted by the Supreme Court today in the Williamson charter case. The same court recently held constitutional the law enacted by the late legislature which gave to Williamson a new charter and empowered the governor in certain circumstances to name city commissioners.

U. S. Battleships at Progreso, Yucatan

WASHINGTON SAYS IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ZEALANDIA AFFAIR.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Naval officials today disclaimed any connection between the arrival of the battleship Kentucky at Progreso, and the forcible searching of the American steamer, Zealandia, at that point by an armed party from a British cruiser. The investigation to determine whether the Zealandia was within the three-mile limit still is under way. British officials contend she was not.

RATHBONE BIBLE IN CITY TODAY

Tonight Will be Pythian Night in the Mountain City.

From 2 to 4 o'clock this afternoon the Pythian Sisters held an informal reception in Castle Hall of Mountain City lodge the reception was held for the purpose of giving the Sisters and their friends a chance to see and hear the history of the Rathbone Bible. This reception was held at the hall of the lodge, which was held by the Pythian Sisters. The Rathbone Bible is a beautiful volume, and is a valuable addition to the collection of the Pythian Sisters.

Tonight the Rathbone Bible class will meet for the purpose of having the rank of page conferred upon about 200 candidates. This meeting will take place at 7:30 and will be presided over by General Wheaton, who has the Bible in his keeping. This meeting will be held in the Masonic temple.

General Wheaton administered the rank of page on 25 Knights at Clarkburg at the meeting held there last night. The 25 members at Clarkburg do not include the Knights of Harrison county, that are to be given the rank of page, as there are several lodges in that section that expect to send their page candidates to Fairmont tonight.

Special car service has been made by the Pythians in charge of preparations to receive General Rathbone in the Masonic temple tonight, where there will be 700 chairs for the Fairmont Knights and visiting Knights.

Special car service has been arranged for the hundreds of out-of-town Pythians who are expected here this evening may return to their homes.

FANNY SELLENS TO SERVE TIME HERE

Was Sentenced in United States District Court Today.

PHILIPPI, W. Va., Nov. 16.—Miss Fanny Sellens, James Oakes, Frank Lovinsky and Hiram Stevens, convicted of contempt of the United States District Court in connection with the strike of coal miners at Colliers, W. Va., two years ago, were today sentenced to serve prison terms and pay costs of prosecution by Judge A. G. Dayton.

The sentences follow:
Miss Sellens, six months imprisonment in Marion county jail.
Oakes and Lovinsky, six months in Randolph county jail.
Hiram Stevens, six months in Brook county jail.

Each was credited with two months and fifteen days served when the defendants were sentenced some time ago and before an appeal which gave them another trial was taken to a higher court.

JUDGE KELLER ILL.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 16.—The term of the United States District Court to have opened today was postponed until Thursday because of the illness of Judge B. F. Keller and the inability of Judge John C. Rose, of Baltimore, to reach this city.

MONEY TO LOAN

I am in a position to loan Ten Thousand Dollars on improved City property, in sums ranging from \$1,000.00 up to \$4,000.00.

FOR SALE

One eight room house, East Park Avenue \$3300.00
One seven room house, Vermont Avenue \$2500.00
One seven room house, Delaware Avenue \$2200.00
One eight room house, Vermont Avenue \$2500.00
One four room house, near East Park Avenue \$1500.00
One five room house, Barnes st. 1st Ward \$1850.00
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One six room house, Chicago st. 4th Ward \$2200.00
One five room house, Jackson Avenue, Eighth Ward \$1850.00
One five room house, Fourth st. Eighth Ward \$2500.00
Several lots near New Normal school site \$450 up to \$2500.00
A few good lots on the East Side, \$150 up to \$1100.00
I have a few small houses and several good lots for sale on easy payments.
If you desire to purchase property or obtain a loan, give me a call.
G. C. POWELL,
Trust Company Building, City.

FRENCH FALL BACK BEFORE THE BULGARS

Situation in Southern Serbia Hourly Growing More Desperate.

FLEEING FROM MONASTIR

Bulgarian Reinforcements Threaten Serb Forces in Babuna Pass.

SALONIKI, via London, Nov. 16.—After heavy fighting with reinforced Bulgarian troops in Southern Serbia, the French were compelled to retreat at two points in the vicinity of Gradisce, 12 miles north of the Greek border.

A Bulgarian attack along the Cerna river repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers. The battle of the Cerna was waged along the left bank of the river. Two Bulgarian divisions were engaged and a desperate attempt was made to pierce the French center. The engagement was in progress with furious intensity for 36 hours, after which the Bulgarians were beaten back along this entire front.

The situation in Macedonia is developing rapidly. Large reinforcements have been brought in by Bulgarians, who are making renewed efforts to force Babuna Pass.

The Serbians are still holding out there, but this movement threatens Priepele and Monastir. Many inhabitants of Monastir are preparing to depart. The members of the diplomatic corps have changed their plans and intend to proceed to Scutari, Albania, instead of to Monastir.

Old Serbia Lost Says a Diplomat

(By Associated Press.)
SALONIKI, Nov. 16.—Old Serbia is lost and new Serbia is in a precarious condition, in the opinion of M. Jaconowitch, secretary of the Russian legation in Greece. M. Jaconowitch arrived here today from Mitrovitz, Western Serbia, having come via Albania.

The secretary asserted the Serbians at Babuna Pass could not hold out very much longer and that the only hope was that the Serbians would prove to be strong enough to take the offensive and advance through Tetovo toward Monastir. He said he feared the legations' staffs which were preparing to leave Mitrovitz for Monastir some time ago would find that the Bulgarians had occupied Monastir.

"The morale of the Serbians is splendid," he continued. "Half trained recruits marched to battle singing like veterans. Their aged King, Peter, is fighting in the trenches, clad in the uniform of a private. He seeks death, saying, 'When I am killed, you can flee or surrender.' Famine and misery prevail and there is no bread at Mitrovitz."

Will Send Food to Central Empires

NEW YORK COMMITTEE WILL ORGANIZE BRANCHES ALL OVER COUNTRY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—An organized movement to aid the civilian population of Germany and Austria by sending food from the United States was launched here today by a citizen committee for food shipment, consisting of 45 physicians, clergymen and prominent women.

The organization has provided for branch committees throughout the country. Dr. Henry J. Wolf is chairman of the committee.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The discount period ends Nov. 30th, 1915, and all persons wishing to take advantage of same are requested to pay at once and avoid the rush that always happens during the last days of discount Office open evenings.

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Amusements Today
(See advertisements on page 7.)

COLONIAL
"The Spirit of Springtime."

GRAND
"The Arab."

PRINCESS
"The Maid of the Wild."

HIPPOTRONE
"Musical Com. and Pictures."

I IVIE
"The Chink of Courage."

IDEAL
"The Wasp."